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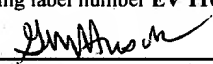
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U.S. Patent No. 6,043,308 (reference AF) corresponds to WO 97-03122 (reference AG).

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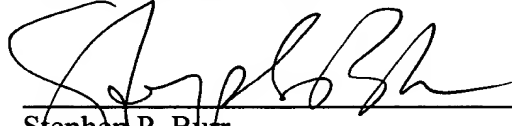
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